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In re Application of : Confirmation No.: 8141
David CHERITON : Group Art Unit: 2665
Serial No.: 09/655,295 : Examiner: RYMAN, Daniel
Filed: September 5, 2000 :
For: M-TRIE PLUS: EXTENDED TRIE
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTIONEXPEDITED AFTER FINAL PRACTICE—37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2004, the shortened statutory period for which runs until March 29, 2004, and which has been made final, please reconsider the subject application in light of the amendments and remarks herein, which have been made for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance.

A Declaration of the inventor, filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.131, is filed concurrently herewith. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted concurrently herewith. Specification Amendments, Claim Amendments, and Remarks are presented on separate sheets as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2.
- Amendments to the Claims begin at page 3.
- Remarks begin at page 8.